



# Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant

## 2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

*Administered by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation*





## The Office of Outdoor Recreation administers two additional grant programs:

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) funds new infrastructure projects that enhance outdoor recreational opportunities and amenities in Utah's communities. These projects are an investment in Utah communities, offering economic opportunities, enhancing quality of life and providing social and health benefits for residents. Please visit [business.utah.gov/outdoor/uorg](https://business.utah.gov/outdoor/uorg) for more information.

Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation & Education Grant (UCORE) funds youth programming that provides high-quality, outdoor-focused learning experiences to 6-18 year-olds. This programming teaches them the physical skills that can make outdoor recreation part of a healthy and active lifestyle. UCORE programs can also teach STEM principles in a natural environment. Please visit [business.utah.gov/outdoor/ucore](https://business.utah.gov/outdoor/ucore) for more information.

## Office of Outdoor Recreation Mission:

*Ensure Utahns can live a healthy and active lifestyle through outdoor recreation*

## Introduction

Here in Utah, we love our amazing outdoor places. As our population continues to grow at a rapid pace, even more of us are hitting the trails, going on family camping trips, or enjoying other outdoor recreation adventures that contribute to the heavy stress on the state's outdoor resources and the facilities that served us for decades. As visitation continues to increase, supporting budgets have not kept pace and resources have been stretched thin, making degraded trails and aging infrastructure much more visible.

Utahns have made it clear they want these outdoor areas to remain beautiful and accessible for future generations to enjoy. In particular, communities that recognize these recreation areas as large economic drivers want maintenance programs and funding that keep up with use. For this purpose, the Recreation Restoration Infrastructure (RRI) grant program was created. The RRI grant program will award funds to restore high-priority trails, or repair or replace other types of developed recreation infrastructure. These efforts will aid deferred maintenance and reduce the backlog of infrastructure projects on public lands. Please visit [business.utah.gov/outdoor/rri](https://business.utah.gov/outdoor/rri) for more information.

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# Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant Program Details

## What it Funds

Funding is for deferred heavy maintenance, restoration or reconstruction of projects on public lands for developed recreation infrastructure, including trails, campgrounds, and day-use areas, recreation or water recreation infrastructure.

## Availability and Grant Size

Up to \$1 million will be awarded in 2020. Applicants can apply for project funding amounts ranging from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$150,000 per project.

## Grant Submission Period

The application period will run over nine weeks, from January 15 - March 20, 2020

## Final Deadline

Friday, March 20, 2020 by 5 p.m. Mountain Time.

## Eligible Entities

Any current nonprofit organization in good standing registered in the State of Utah, or a local government or tribal entity

## Public Lands

The infrastructure must be on publicly owned lands, which can be city, county, state or federally owned and managed. If on federal or state managed lands, coordination with the appropriate land management organization is essential.

## Partnership

For work on federally or state managed lands, the applicant should have a sponsored volunteer or other agreement with their local Forest Service office, BLM field office, National Park unit or with the appropriate unit within the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

## Matching requirements

Minimum of 50/50 match requirement to be derived from cash, contributed funding and in-kind resources. Contributed funding of cash can go toward labor, equipment, supplies or other expenses. Eligible in-kind resources for the project include volunteer labor or contributions of construction equipment and vehicles. At least half of the match from the applicant and partners should be cash; the remainder can be in-kind contributions.






## Completion Requirements

- Project must be completed within 24 months of the date the contract is signed
- Grant funding is given after the applicant's spend
- Up to 75% of the matched monies may be given before completion of project



## Eligible Infrastructure Projects

The RRI Grant funds can be used for the rehabilitation or restoration of summer-use recreation amenities on public lands in areas that receive high visitation.

	<p><b>Trails:</b></p> <p>Repair, realignment, reconstruction or other major maintenance projects for both non-motorized and motorized trails and needed repairs or replacements of trail infrastructure such as bridges, culverts, trail signage, interpretation signage, trailhead kiosks, trailhead restroom, overlook structures, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Campground/Picnic sites:</b></p> <p>Repair, replacement or reconstruction of campsite parking areas, potable water sources, tables, fire rings, restrooms, kiosks, rustic shelters for shade or rustic structures for visitor lodging, signage, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Water recreation infrastructure:</b></p> <p>Repair, replacement or reconstruction of boat docks, fishing piers, shoreline boardwalks, boat launches, bank or shoreline repair for recreation areas, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Accessible outdoor recreation facilities:</b></p> <p>Repair, replacement or reconstruction of recreation amenities that would be accessible to visitors with disabilities within the above categories.</p>
	<p><b>What is not funded by the grants?</b></p> <p>While RRI funds can be used for major reconstruction or restoration of the infrastructure, RRI is not for annual maintenance and upkeep. The RRI funding is not appropriate for wilderness area trails.</p>

## Volunteers

We all want to enjoy our favorite trails and outdoor places. Volunteers from the community can make a huge difference in stretching thin budgets and adding to the project's capacity. If you have the support in place to recruit, organize, train and manage volunteers, they can be a tremendous asset. As a state, we have been gratified to see the difference that volunteers have made in our communities. Utah still holds the top spot among states for the highest rate of volunteering (51%). Projects that engage volunteers are encouraged, but not required.









## Key Dates

Application Cycle Opens	January 15, 2020
Application Cycle Closes	March 20, 2020 (by 5 p.m.)
Expected Decision Date	May 1, 2020
When Must The Projects Be Completed?	Projects are intended to be completed in the 2020 or 2021 field season
Contract Expires	May 2022





## RRI Application Process

The online application will be housed on Salesforce.com. You'll be prompted to create a username and password so you can work on, save and update your application at any time before submitting it. If you have previously applied for a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant, you will be able to use the same username and password. If you forget your password, you can reset it.

Attachments needed with RRI application:

- Proposed project budget
- Proposed project timeline
- Letter of support
  - ☐ If on federal lands, you'll need a letter of support from the USFS District Ranger or Forest Supervisor, local BLM field manager, or National Park unit.
  - ☐ If on state lands, you'll need a letter of support from the local State Park manager
  - ☐ If on public land that is managed by your municipality (county, city, tribal, etc.) a letter from the appropriate leadership branch stating their support, including financial support for the project will suffice.

## Reporting and Reimbursement Requirements

### Reimbursements:

- Maintain records of all project-related expenses, the labor used for the project and any in-kind donations.
- Submit copies of financial records, logs for all volunteer labor, and other in-kind donation records to receive the portion of grant funds that are given as a reimbursement.
- Up to 75% of the matched monies may be given before completion of the project. Grant funding is given after the applicant's spend.
- Final report is due prior to final reimbursement.

### Reports:

- Progress reports are required every six months until the project is complete.
- Final Report: Along with the reimbursement documents, awarded organizations will be expected to submit a final report upon completion of the project. The report should be 1-2 pages of narrative about the completion of the project, including relevant data about the number of volunteer hours, mileage of trails restored, etc.
- A final template will be provided to organizations that receive the RRI grant. A site visit by the OOR director or a staff member may be required.







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